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Applicant	Hans-Wulf Pfeiffer
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Title of Application:	Method Of Increasing The Boundary Layer Strength On Surfaces Of Workpieces Made Of Brittle Hard Materials
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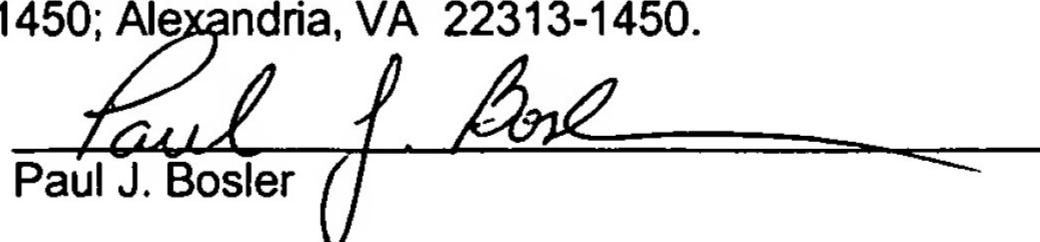
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Response to Advisory Action

In response to the Advisory Action of August 18, 2004, Applicant herewith presents its amendment and remarks. Please amend the claims as detailed below.

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